

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.

Called To Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Booth, Jackson, Sylvester, Filippi, Walker and Richard.

Absent were Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Thornton and Pearson.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

New Business:

APPEAL#150018: Ms. Deyanira Vizcaino, for the property located at 827 Main Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM John Dolan appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm system, emergency lighting, key access box and provide approved 20-minutes fire-doors with self-closing

device in the egress system of this facility, at direction and to the satisfaction of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant two (2) weeks from the date of this hearing to have portable fire extinguishers installed in this facility at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150017: Richard Holsembach & Anthony Lopez, for the property located at 11-13 Pulaski Street, West Warwick. ADSFM Matthew Manni appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the existing seconded floor fire escape windows to remain in use, due to structural hardship. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to permanently-install steps accessing these windows, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150004: John Hope Settlement House, for the property located at 7 Thomas P. Whitten Way, Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso, DSFM Christine Kent and DSFM Kaithlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Sylvester and Booth, to

accept the applicant's proposed plan of action to bring the Daycare Occupancy in this facility into full compliance with RI Fire Code by December 31, 2015 with total fire alarm coverage throughout the daycare facility. The Board grants the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of this hearing to bring the emergency lighting in the two (2) gymnasiums of the facility used by the day care and to remove the foam panels and curtains in the gym area of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance six (6) months from the date of this hearing to install r00ated doors assembly with hardware to create separation between the daycare and the garage area of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant an additional time variance until 12-31-16 to bring the other areas of this facility into full compliance of the RI Fire Code, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the State Fire Marshal's Office the authority extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being made. The motion was unanimously.

APPEAL #140136: Mr. Joseph Baginski, for the property located at 52 River Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Scott Derry appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Sylvester, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to post the maximum occupant load in the place of worship areas with the floor space configured of the altar areas modified in accordance with this plan of action, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire

Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to vacate the first floor back right room marked jewelry room and basement back room marked jewelry, in granting this variance the Applicant must provide fire rated door from these areas at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. At this time the Providence Fire Marshal's has objected to the Applicant request for a variance from installing a fire system in this facility. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150016: Mr. Eric Barclay DeTolly, for the property located at 10 Broadway, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of approved panic or fire hardware on the egress doors throughout this facility and an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement plan, at the direction and satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant's request for a one (1) year variance to correct the following deficiencies; repairing or replace rear stairs, stair of the facility, the two (2) center stairs of this facility, and providing approved stairway rated doors and self-closing devices on the stairway doors of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the existing first floor egress through the kitchen area to remain in use based upon a structural hardship. The Board granted the Applicant time variance of thirty (30) days from the decision to install sprinkler

protection in the two concealed spaces of this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. The Board authorized the Newport Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve the Fire Board Minutes for March 3, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondences / Announcements:

Executive Director Burlingame announced that an R & R Subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Commissioner Jackson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Booth to adjourn meeting 2:45P.M.